

the first part of the contention of the two famous
Queene Hell fire and vengeance go along with you,
Theres two of you, the diuell make the third,
Fie womanish man, canst thou not curse thy enemies?

Suff. A plague vpon them: wherefore should I curse them?
Could curses kill as do the Mandrakes groanes,
I would inuent as many bitter termes,
Delivered strongly through my fixed teeth,
With twice so many signes of deadly hate,
As leane facde Enuy in her loathsome caue,
My tongue should stumble in mine earnest words,
Mine eies should sparkle like the beaten flint,
My haire be fixt on end, as one distraught,
And euery ioynt should seeme to curse and ban,
And now me thinkes my burthened heart would breake.
Should I not curse them: poison be their drinke,
Gall, worse then gall, the daintiest thing they taste,
Their sweetest shade, a groue of sypris trees,
Their softest touch, as smart as lizards stings,
Their musique frightfull, like the serpents hisse.
And boding scrike-owles make the comfort full,
All the foule terrors in darke feated hell.

Queene. Enough sweete Suffolke, thou tormentst thy self.

Suffolke You bade me ban, and will you bid me cease?
Now by this ground that I am banisht from,
Well could I curse away a winters night,
And standing naked on a mountaine top,
Where biting cold would neuer let grasse grow,
And thinke it but a minute spent in sport.

Queene No more, swaete Suffolke, hie thee hence to France,
Or liue where thou wilt within this wordes globe,
Ile haue an Irish that shall find thee out,
And long thou shalt not stay, but ile haue thee repeald,
Or venture to be banished my selfe,
Oh let this kisse be printed in thy hand,
That when thou feelt it, thou maist thinke on me:
Away, I say, that I may feele my grieve,
For it is nothing whilst thou standest here.

Suff.

Suff. Thus is poore Suffolke ten times banished,
Once by the King, but three times thrice by thee.

Enter Vawse.

Queene How now, whither goes Vawse so fast?
Vawse. To signifie vnto his maiesty,
That Cardinall Bewford is at point of death,
Sometimes he raues and cries as he were mad,
Sometimes he calls vpon Duke Humphreys ghost,
And whispers to his pillow as to him,
And sometime he calls to speake vnto the King,
And I am going to certifie vnto his grace,
That euen now he cald alowd for him.

Queene Go then good Vawse, and certifie the King.

exit Vawse.

Oh what is worldly pompe! all men must die.
And woe am I for Bewfords heauy end,
But why mourne I for him, whilst thou art here?
Sweete Suffolke hie thee hence to France,
For if the King do come, thou sure must die.

Suff. And if I go, I cannot liue: but here to die,
VWhat were it else, but like a pleasant slumber
In thy lap?

Here could I, could I, breathe my soule into the ayre,
As milde and gentle as the new borne babe,
That dies with mothers dug between his lips,
VWhere from thy sight I should be raging mad,
And call for thee to close mine eies,
Or with thy lips to stop my dying soule,
That I might breath it so into thy body,
And then it liude in sweete Elyziam,
By thee to die, were but to die in ieast,
From thee to die, were torment more then death,
O let me stay, befall what may befall.

Queene Oh mightst thou stay with safetie of thy life,
Then shouldst thou stay, but heauens deny it,
And therefore go, but hope ere long to be repeald.

Suff. I goe.

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